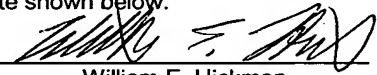


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**AMENDMENT**

The following amendments and remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2006, in the prosecution of the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration of application in light of these amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.